

REMARKS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated May 18, 2005. Claims 1 to 5, 7 to 10, 12 to 17, 19 to 22, 24 and 25 are pending in the application, with Claims 11 and 23 having been cancelled. 1, 13 and 25, all of which are independent, have been amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies and thoughtful treatment accorded Applicant's representative during the November 15, 2005 telephonic interview.

During the interview, the Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed the art of record, particularly U.S. Patent No. 6,366,909 (Yuasa), U.S. Patent No. 5,175,850 (Hirata), U.S. Patent No. 6,748,383 (Wada) and U.S. Patent No. 6,209,124 (Vermeire). Applicant's representative argued that Wada is not seen to disclose or suggest at least the claimed feature of prohibiting the display of information corresponding to data which does not actually exist in a database, and deleting a registration of such data.

The Examiner was unwilling to agree that the current rejections under § 103(a)¹ (see footnote 1) should be withdrawn. In particular, the Examiner alleged that it is inherent to column 14, line 50 to column 15, line 4 of Wada that the display of information which does not actually exist in a database is prohibited, and that a registration of such data is deleted. Accordingly, no agreement was reached on this matter.

However, the Examiner did agree that if independent Claim 1 was amended to include the substance of Claim 11, and if independent Claims 13 and 25 were amended

¹Claims 1, 2, 5, 7 to 14 and 19 to 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Yuasa in view of Hirata and further in view of Wada; and Claims 3, 4, 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Yuasa, Hirata and Wada, further in view of Vermeire.

to include the substance of Claim 23, the current § 103(a) rejections would be withdrawn and an updated search would be performed.

Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 to include the substance of Claim 11, and has amended independent Claims 13 and 25 to include the substance of Claim 23. These actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections.

The other claims in the application are each dependent from the independent claims and are believed to be allowable over the applied references for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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